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GROUP 2622
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

This Response, submitted in reply to the Office Action dated May 19, 2004, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner approve the drawings filed March 4, 2004.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 8-20 have been objected to but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-2 continue to be rejected under